

In the Specification

Please replace paragraphs [0006] and [0020] with the following replacement paragraphs showing changes.

[0006] Embodiments may be used, for example, to provision data link connection identifiers in a communications network. For example, embodiments may be used in the provision of communications services to create a new permanent virtual circuit or PVC in a frame relay network. A permanent virtual connection, or PVC, refers to a connection that remains established even when data are not being sent. A data link connection identifier (DLCI) is a number used to identify a PVC endpoint in the frame relay network. The DLCI is contained in a 2-byte header that attaches to data frames passed through the network, allowing the frames to be sent to their proper destinations. Where each PVC on a particular physical port must have a different DLCI number, embodiments may be employed to provision a DLCI for a new PVC~~[[s]]~~ that differs from those DLCIs already assigned to existing PVCs.

[0020] The embodiments operate~~[[s]]~~ in the above-described environment to facilitate provisioning data link connection identifiers in a communications network. First, using the web client 12, the user inputs a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) to invoke the network management module 15. The URL represents the address of the entry point to the web site embodying module 15 (e.g., the home page for the web site). Upon entering the URL, the web client 12 makes an HTTP request to the web server 14 hosting the module 15. The web server 14, in turn, processes the request and supplies the client with the requested information in an HTML formatted web page.